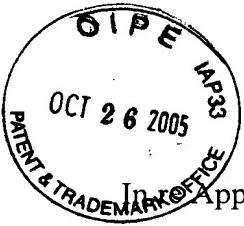


ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.
064731.0378

SERIAL NO.
10/695,711

1 10-28-05



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Cechan (nmi) Tian et al.
Serial No.: 10/695,711
Filing Date: October 29, 2003
Group Art No.: 2633
Title: Method and System for Increasing Network Capacity in an Optical Network

Mail Stop: Amendments
Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Certificate of Mailing by
Express Mail No. EV 732497546 US
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being
deposited with the United States Postal Service
"Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" under
37. C.F.R. 1.10 on the date shown below, and
addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box
1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

Name: Willie Jiles
Willie Jiles

Date: October 26, 2005

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicants respectfully requests, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, that the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified patent application. The present Application was filed after June 30, 2003. Therefore, under the July 11, 2003, waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, copies of U.S. Patents and U.S. Patent Application Publications listed in the attached PTO-1449 form are not enclosed. Copies of all other references are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. No representation is made that a search has been made, that these references are material to patentability, or that these references qualify as prior art.

REMARKS

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), Applicants believe this Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing date of the first Official Action. Therefore, Applicants believe no fee is due. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

Attorneys for Applicants



Brian W. Oaks
Reg. No. 44,981

Date: October 26, 2005

Correspondence Address:

Customer Number

05073

PTO-1449 Information Disclosure Citation In an Application <small>OCT 26 2005 PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE</small>			Application No. 10/695,711		Applicant(s) Cechan (nmi) Tian et al.	
			Docket Number 064731.0378	Group Art Unit 2633	Filing Date October 29, 2003	
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
A	5,726,785	03/10/1998	Chawki et al.	359	130	02/21/1996
B	6,198,556	03/06/2001	Mizrahi	359	124	01/13/1998
C	2003/0025961	02/06/2003	Way	359	119	06/19/2002
D						
E						
F						
G						
H						
I						
J						
K						
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE (month/day/year)	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION
						YES NO
L						
M						
N						
O						
NON-PATENT DOCUMENTS						
	DOCUMENT (Including Author, Title, Source, and Pertinent Pages)					DATE
P	Notification of Transmittal of the International Search Report or the Declaration (PCT Rule 44.1) mailed October 6, 2005, re International Application No. PCT/US2004/025565.5, 5 pages					Date Mailed 10/06/2005
Q	Sharma et al., "WDM Ring Network Using a Centralized Multiwavelength Light Source and Add-Drop Multiplexing Filters," IEEE, vol. 15, no. 6, June 1997					June 1997
EXAMINER			DATE CONSIDERED			
EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP § 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to the applicant.						

U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

DAL01:877367.1